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TO: Audit Committee

FROM: J. Tyler McCauley
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SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALS
AND HEALTH CARE DELIVERY COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors to extend the Los Angeles County Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission's sunset review date to October 1, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission (Commission) was created by the Board of Supervisors (Board) under Chapter 3.32 of the Los Angeles County Code. The most recent sunset review extension was approved by the Board in August 2002.

The Commission consults and advises the Director (Director) of the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Board on patient care policies and programs of the Los Angeles County hospital system, including:

- The need for additional hospital and/or other patient care facilities.
- The relationships of County hospitals and other health care facilities, public or private.
- Health manpower problems.

- The utilization of County hospital facilities.

In addition, the Commission conducts studies and makes recommendations concerning patient-care policies and programs of the County hospital system, as requested by the Board and other County officers. The Commission also acts as a liaison between the Director, the Board, and the public in matters relating to the County hospital system.

The Commission consists of 15 members, three from each Supervisorial district. The Commission is required to meet monthly. From January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2006, the Commission met 40 times, with an average attendance of 8.7 (58%) members. Commission members receive \$25 for each meeting or facility site inspection, not to exceed two meetings and/or site inspections a month. DHS provides staff support to the Commission. Commission expenses, including stipends, staff support, parking permits and services and supplies, were approximately \$54,000 for fiscal year 2005-06.

JUSTIFICATION

During this review period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

- Conducted 37 site visits of County hospital facilities and filed reports with the Board of Supervisors' Health Deputies. During site visits, Commissioners meet with hospital management, tour facilities, and discuss goals, accomplishments, clinical operations, prior recommendations, and other issues.
- Advised the Director on the relationships between County hospitals and other health care facilities, patient care and health care access.
- Attended the DHS' Strategic Planning Meetings where Commission members provided input about current health issues.
- Participated in the State organized Health Access Campaign, a program that is dedicated to achieving quality, affordable health care for all Californians.

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are:

- To be more proactive with the Board and hospital directors, regarding the hospital planning process, strategic planning, facility purchases, and the planning of new health care facilities.

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- Continue to conduct hospital site visits of County hospital facilities, and file reports with the Board's Health Deputies.
- To be more involved with current issues regarding County facilities and to provide input on how County hospitals are run.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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Attachments

- c: Stanley M. Toy, Jr., M.D., Chair, Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission
Bruce A. Chernof, M.D., Director and Chief Medical Officer, DHS
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Robin A. Guerrero, Chief, Board Operations
Jim Corbett, Manager, Commission Services

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW
HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE DELIVERY COMMISSION
REVIEW COMMENTS

Mission. (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance creating the Commission.

The Commission's mission appears to **CONCUR**.

Section 1. Relevance. (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission consults and advises the Director of DHS and the Board on patient care policies and programs of the Los Angeles County hospital system. In addition, the Commission conducts studies and makes recommendations concerning patient-care policies and programs of the County hospital system, as requested by the Board and other County officers. The Commission also acts as a liaison between the Director, the Board, and the public in matters relating to the County hospital system.

The Commission's mission appears to be **RELEVANT**.

Section 2. Meetings and Attendance. (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission is required to meet monthly. From January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2006, the Commission met 40 times, with an average attendance of 8.7 (58%) members.

The Commission's meeting frequency and attendance are **SATISFACTORY**.

Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results. (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

During the evaluation period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

- Conducted 37 site visits of County hospital facilities and filed reports with the Board of Supervisors' Health Deputies. During site visits, Commissioners meet with hospital management, tour facilities, and discuss goals, accomplishments, clinical operations, prior recommendations and other issues.

- Advised the Director on the relationships between County hospitals and other health care facilities, patient care and health care access.
- Attended the DHS' Strategic Planning Meetings where Commission members provided input about current health issues.
- Participated in the State organized Health Access Campaign, a program that is dedicated to achieving quality, affordable health care for all Californians.

The Commission's accomplishments and results are **SIGNIFICANT**.

Section 5. Objectives. (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are:

- To be more proactive with the Board and hospital directors, regarding the hospital planning process, strategic planning, facility purchases, and the planning of new health care facilities.
- Continue to conduct hospital site visits of County hospital facilities, and file reports with the Board's Health Deputies.
- To be more involved with current issues regarding County facilities and to provide input on how County hospitals are run.

The Commission's future objectives appear **RELEVANT**.

Section 6. Resources. (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

Commission members receive \$25 for each meeting or facility site inspection, not to exceed two meetings and/or site inspections a month. DHS provides staff support to the Commission. Commission expenses, including stipends, staff support, parking permits and services and supplies, were approximately \$54,000 for fiscal year 2005-06.

The Commission's expenses appear to be **WARRANTED**.

Section 7. Recommendation.

EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE DELIVERY COMMISSION TO OCTOBER 1, 2011.

Los Angeles County Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission

Attendance Record

Commissioner	Nominated by	Average Attendance Per Meeting																			Totals	
		3/31/02	6/30/02	9/30/02	12/31/02	3/31/03	6/30/03	9/30/03	12/31/03	3/31/04	6/30/04	9/30/04	12/31/04	3/31/05	6/30/05	9/30/05	12/31/05	3/31/06	6/30/06	9/30/06		12/31/06
Number of Meetings per Quarter		3	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	40
Roland Palencia	1st District	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0											6
Gloria D. Gray	2nd District							2	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	17
Sylvia D. Ivie	2nd District	1	1	0	0																	2
Margaret M. Manning	2nd District																1	1	0	0	0	2
Edward W. Savage, Jr., M.D.	2nd District																					2
Philip M. Smith, M.D.	2nd District	3	2	2	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	23
Charles Aronberg, M.D.	3rd District	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	14
Stacy Rummel Bratcher	3rd District																					54%
Lucien Wulsin, Jr., J.D.	3rd District	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	1	39
Faustino Bernadett, M.D.	4th District																					22
Paul Hirsch, M.D.	4th District	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	15
Robert C. Myrtle, D.P.A.	4th District	2	0	2	1	3	1	2	1	0												34
Marcy L. Zwelling-Aamot, M.D.	4th District	3	3	2	1	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	12
Eduardita V. Quevedo, M.D.	5th District	0	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	36
Geraldine Tevritzian, R.D.H.	5th District	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	32
Stanley M. Toy, Jr., M.D.	5th District	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	26
Totals		22	20	18	10	23	17	24	19	19	28	9	18	16	9	8	19	18	26	9	16	348
Average Attendance Per Meeting																						8.7